

Principal's Update

Dear OHA Community,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are feeling refreshed as we begin the summer term. Just thirteen school weeks remain before the end of the academic year — time is certainly flying.

This week, I want to shine a spotlight on the incredible opportunities we provide for our students at OHA. As a team, we are deeply committed to ensuring that every student experiences a rich variety of activities that broaden their horizons and help them grow in ways that extend beyond the classroom. Staff regularly discuss how we can maximise these opportunities and are always exploring new experiences to offer.

Over the past three weeks alone, our students have taken part in Year 7 Residential, Year 7 Disability Sports, Year 8 Introduction to DofE, Year 9 Enterprise Day, Year 10 Science Day, MFL Trip to Barcelona and a Sports Trip to Salou

I would like to publicly thank the staff who organise and lead these exceptional experiences. Their dedication and willingness to go above and beyond ensures our students have the very best opportunities to live out our academy values of Respect, Resilience, and Responsibility.

I also want to congratulate our students for the positivity and enthusiasm they bring to these challenges. It would be easy to step back from unfamiliar situations, yet time and again they choose to embrace them. This is a clear sign of their development, confidence, and maturity. Finally, thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. Your encouragement and trust make so many of these opportunities possible. We are truly grateful, and we look forward to everything the summer term has in store.

~ Mr Fitzgibbon

Key Dates



Wednesday 22nd April

Year 7 Parents Evening (In Academy)

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday – Academy Closed

Tuesday 19th May

Celebration Evening – Invited Students Only

Friday 22nd May

Rewards Afternoon – Selected Students Only
Academy closes for half term

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Half Term

Monday 1st June

Academy re opens for all students – 8.30am start

Year 7 Parents Evening Wednesday 22nd April



We look forward to welcoming parents and students for our face to face parents evening.

Appointments run from 3pm – 6.30pm and are available now to book via Edulink.

Having issues with Edulink? Please contact Miss Marriot (RSL) or Miss Collis (BD)
(lmariott@horizonoat.co.uk / jcollis@horizonoat.co.uk)



Assembly Overview

WB 20th April

Y7–Y11 – Principals Assembly

WB 27th April

Y7-Y11: RSL Assembly



PSHE/WS Overview

Year 7 – Road Safety & Water Safety

Year 8 – Vaccinations Assessment & Relationships

Year 9 – Power in the UK & Holding People to Account

Year 10 – Commonwealth & Managing Stress

Year 10 -



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Year 7

Just before the recent break, many of our Year 7 pupils took part in an exciting residential visit to Anglesey. During the three days, pupils challenged themselves through a wide range of activities including biking, canoeing, raft building and via ferrata. The residential provided a fantastic opportunity to build resilience, teamwork and independence, while also strengthening friendships and relationships with staff and peers. Pupils should be very proud of how they approached and overcame these challenges.

We have also enjoyed celebrating success during our end-of-term celebration assembly, where many Year 7 pupils received certificates recognising their achievements in subjects and for representing the academy so positively.

~ Miss Collis (BD)

Year 8

Year 8 have made a strong start to the summer term and it has been really pleasing to see so many students hitting the ground running and demonstrating our values of respect, resilience and responsibility in the way they are conducting themselves.

As we settle back in, please do take a moment to check Edulink regularly as it is the easiest way to stay up to date with achievement points, any behaviour incidents and detentions, and gives you a clear picture of how your child is getting on. As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

~ Mr Williamson (BD)

Year 9

Year 9 enter the summer term at a really significant moment in their school journey. With GCSEs beginning in Year 10, this is their last term to build the habits, attitudes and work ethic that will carry them through the next two years. I have been pleased with the focus shown by many students already and I want to see that energy maintained throughout the weeks ahead.

Please do keep an eye on Edulink as a way of staying connected with how your child is getting on, including achievement points, any behaviour incidents and detentions. If anything gives you cause for concern, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

~ Mr Williamson (BD)

Year 10

Year 10 are entering a really important stage of their KS4 journey. In the next few weeks students will be sitting GCSE style MOCK exams which gives them an experience of sitting exams in the same style they will face in 12 months' time. This is a great learning experience for them. Students have been given clear revision lists and should be spending time preparing for these. They have been completing revision preparation in PT time and should be spending time at home building revision materials. If they do this now, they can keep these for next years exams.

Mrs Naylor has been working so hard to prepare each Year 10 student with work experience opportunities. Most students now have placements but if you are struggling to get an experience then please see Mrs Naylor ASAP.

~ Mr Maher (BD)

Year 11

I have had the privilege to speak to each Year 11 student over the last few days to wish them well for their exams. It only seems like yesterday when I became their RSL in Y8 and it was great to discuss how their journeys have developed. I have had the amazing chance to discuss how they are feeling about the upcoming exams and their plans for after. Most of the students have clear ideas of their future. I think it is important to reflect that this isn't the time to panic - some may be worried about lack of revision or panicking about certain exams. Please remind students that there is support available and we are all in this together. I certainly hope when I see you all in August there will be many smiling faces and joyous celebrations of a great set of results.

~ Mr Maher (BD)

Enrichment Schedule – Summer Term

Our new schedule for enrichment starts next Monday 20th April!

Clubs will be posted on our website and social media over the weekend, so encourage your child to check this and see what they are interested in doing, or trying something new!

All clubs are available for everyone and, unless specifically stated per year group/key stage.

Clubs run from 3.10pm – 4pm (Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri), and 2.20pm – 3pm (Wed) unless otherwise stated.

No sign up required – just turn up and have fun!

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House Update

The end of the term and the start of the new one is always a strange time for house events. The final week for house events gives way to each year groups Celebration assemblies, and rightly so as there is so much for each year group to celebrate from the last term.

The house events of term 2 were the Geography challenge, each house competition against each other with the competition focusing on environment, climate change, and reducing carbon emissions.

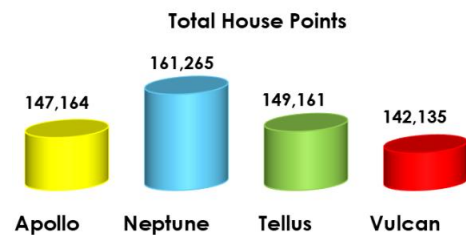
As always our students amazed us with their knowledge, easily answering questions such as:

1. What international agreement aims to limit global warming to well below 2°C?
2. What type of transport produces zero direct emissions?
3. What is the name for the total greenhouse gases produced by a person or activity?

Our Dodgeball league is edging closer to the final games with Vulcan still holding on the top spot, with all 3 remaining houses narrowly behind and all level on points.

The new term has given the students a glimpse at some of the events coming up such as poetry writing competition, streetball, spelling bee, lyp-sync battle 2 and so many more that they will find out over the few weeks.

In the rankings Neptune are still top of the overall leaderboard but the gap is closing very quickly. Week 26, the last week of term 2 was won by Apollo with Vulcan yet again continuing their amazing comeback.



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OHA GALLERY

PD Day 2 Highlights



PE Barcelona Sports Tour

MFL Barcelona Trip



House Storytelling Competition Winner

Y10 Mental Health Challenge Winners

Y8 Partnership Games Team



Girls Football Success continues



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Careers

We are delighted to have been awarded **Gold** in the national Quality in Careers Standard using the Career Mark approach provided by Complete Careers. This is an excellent achievement and recognizes the quality and breadth of our careers provision at Ormiston Horizon Academy.



Calling all OHA Alumni

We love keeping in touch with all of our former students, and hearing what they have been up to since leaving OHA.



We recently caught up with Harry to gain an insight into his exciting career journey since leaving us in 2020, and what a journey he has been on.

Harry is a Corporal in the British Army, and has visited Oman, represented the Army in Skiing over in Norway, seen the Northern Lights, travelled to Germany, Poland, Ukraine, Estonia, Kenya and USA, all by the age of 22 years. It was great to see Harry again and hear about his experiences.

Are you a former student or know someone who would like to share their career progression since leaving us?

Get in touch, contact Mrs Naylor on knaylor@horizonoat.co.uk or follow the link on our Alumni page [Ormiston Horizon Academy | An ambitious school at the heart of our community - Alumni](#) and we will contact you!

You could be the next face on our Alumni wall of fame!

Congratulations to our Year 9 and Year 10 students who participated in the full day sessions hosted by The Inspirational Learning Group (TILG)

Our Year 10 students participated in the Oli-Leigh Trust Challenge, a suicide prevention charity.

The winning entry '**Slice of life**' went to students: Jade, Tyler, Elliot, Ethan and Daisy who have all earned a place in the finals.



**NatWest
Thrive**

Also our Year 9 students participated in the Natwest Challenge delivered during our PD Day.

The winning team had to produce a new business idea to develop within Stoke-on-Trent. Out of the whole year group the winning team came up with a brilliant business idea called '**Rent -a- Tent**'. Lena and Otis worked incredibly hard to present their idea.

Both our Year 9 and Year 10 teams will now represent our academy at the Finals in Telford on 2nd July. Good luck to you all.

For any further support, visit our website page or speak to Mrs Naylor:

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PURPLE TICKET STANDINGS

Virtual Purple Tickets are awarded weekly for:

- 100% attendance
- Behaviour Points
- Per 20 House Points (running total)
- Homework completion – Sparx Maths
- Homework completion – Sparx Reader/GCSE POD
- Homework completion – Sparx Science

Current No.1 Ranking in the Academy:

Y8 – Kirsten

Y10 – Lily, Oliver, Liam and Issy

Purple tickets earn rewards for:

- Weekly queue jumps/prizes
- Half termly “in academy” rewards event invites
- Termly external reward trips invites
- Termly raffle prizes – shopping voucher (1 raffle ticket per purple ticket)
- Y11 prom ticket/leavers hoodies

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Gibson, L	Whitefoot, Ki	Shaw, E	Lewis, L	Ashley, L
Harrison, M	Bailey, C	Smart, L	Roberts, O	Clowes, F
Adshead, E	Lahillonne, S	Rajhman, H	Twardochleb, L	Carter, M
Folorunso, S	Bagguley, E	Gallimore, A	Allcock, I	Gray, L
Williams, E	Davies, B	Allin, L	Grosiak, J	Bryan, S
Wozny, A	Hayward, F	Wain, J	Quminakelo, P	Jackson, A
Arifaj, E	Davies, O	Hanks, R	Moisiu, A	Cartwright, S
Ecclestone, F	Glenn, A	Weaver, L	Moores, R	Brayford, A
Wood, I	Winfrow, S	Hughes, M	Hussain, N	Watts, J
Stephens, R	Tate, E	Holdcroft, E	Menzies, L	Robinson, Y



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